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Letter dated 24 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Strasbourg joint statement made by the President of the Azerbaijani Republic, Mr. Heydar Aliyev, and the President of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Levon Ter-Petrossian, at their meeting during the course of the summit of the Council of Europe, held at Strasbourg on 10 and 11 October 1997 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 40 and 81, and of the Security Council.

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zerbaijan and Arm nia beli ve that he latest propos ls of he o-Chairmen re an encoura i b sis for the e umption of negotiations within the fr mew rk of the Mins Group.